

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowance of claims 1-7. Regarding the noted objections to imprecise claim phrasing, Applicants submit herewith a set of revised claims, which have been amended using the Examiner's suggestions as a guide.

Applicants submit that these amendments attend to the various objections raised by the Examiner, rendering the application in fully allowable form.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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